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REF: (A) STATE 55312 (B) STATE 55034 (C) EC BRUSSELS 2439  
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1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL A, MISSION OFFICER PASSED DISCUSSION  
PAPER TO APPROPRIATE EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL (KLEIN, DIRECTOR FOR  
RELATIONS WITH STATE TRADING COUNTRIES IN DG-I), NOTING OUR HOPES  
FOR THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF SOVIET INITIATIVE AT MARCH 21 NATO  
ECONADS MEETING. KLEIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR STATEMENT OF  
U.S. VIEWS RE APPROACH TO ECE MEETING, AND ALSO SAID HE WOULD  
WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MARESCA NEXT WEEK (EC BRUSSELS  
2439). HE EXPRESSED DOUBT WHETHER, IN VIEW OF EC COUNCIL AND  
EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' CURRENT INVOLVEMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
STANOVNIK PROPOSALS, SUBJECT LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN  
BRUSSELS-BASED COREPER GROUP. AS A PERSONAL REACTION TO US DIS-  
CUSSION PAPER, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT SHOULD "NOT BE TOO  
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DIFFICULT" TO WORK OUT AGREED LINE BETWEEN EC AND US POSITIONS  
PRIOR TO ECE MEETING.

2. COMMENT: MISSION NOTES IN PASSING THAT IN REFS D (FEBRUARY 8)  
AND E (FEBRUARY 15) WE REPORTED ON COMMISSION VIEWS AS TO HOW TO  
HANDLE STANOVNIK PROPOSALS AND, IN REF E ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT RE-  
ACTION WHICH WE COULD PASS ALONG. COMMISSION REPS AT THOSE TIMES

SUGGESTED BASIC APPROACH OF ACCEPTING IDEA OF HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT IN ECE FRAMEWORK AS A MEANS OF UNDERCUTTING UNWANTED BREZHNEV PROPOSALS. THESE COMMISSION VIEWS (WITHOUT BENEFIT OF REQUESTED US VIEWS) WERE TRANSMITTED TO COREPER BASKET TWO WORKING GROUP AND PRESUMABLY PLAYED A ROLE IN SHAPING POLITICAL DIRECTORS' AND FOREIGN MINISTERS' APPROACH TO SUBJECT.

3. OUR READING OF EC RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV PROPOSALS IS THAT IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY NEGATIVE, (REF STATE 55034) -- BUT THAT TACTICALLY EC IS MORE WILLING TO UTILIZE STANOVNIK PROPOSALS AS A WAY OF FENDING OFF BREZHNEV -- WHICH COULD OF COURSE BE BAD TACTICS. IN ANY EVENT, WE GATHER FROM COMMENT MADE BY KLEIN THAT, DESPITE HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS IN EC COUNCIL, ALL THE MEMBER STATES MAY NOT YET BE CONVINCED THAT PROPOSED EC TACTICS ON STANOVNIK PROPOSALS ARE OPTIMUM WAY TO HANDLE SITUATION. IF THIS IS SO, SITUATION CAN BE RECOUPED BY FULL EXPOSE OF OUR RATIONALE AT FORTHCOMING NATO CONSULTATIONS. HINTON

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